



West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Draft Minutes

13th July 2018, Wakefield Town Hall

PRESENT:	Councillor Alison Lowe (Chair)	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Russell Brown	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Richard Dunbar	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Tariq Hussain	- Bradford Council
	Councillor Steve Sweeney	- Calderdale Council
	Councillor Sophie Whittaker	- Calderdale Council
	Councillor Amanda Pinnock	- Kirklees Council
	Councillor Andrew Pinnock	- Kirklees Council
	Councillor Salma Arif	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Amanda Carter	- Leeds City Council
	Councillor Steve Tulley	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Councillor Alan Wassell	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Mr Roger Grasby	- Independent
IN ATTENDANCE:	Sharon Fraser	- City of Wakefield MDC
	Samantha Wilkinson	- City of Wakefield MDC

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Mrs Jo Sykes.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th June 2018

2.1 The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record.

3. To note any items which the Chair has agreed to add to the agenda on the grounds of urgency.

3.1 The Chair confirmed that there were no items to add to the agenda.

4. Members' Declaration of Interests

- 4.1 Cllr Alison Lowe declared an interest during item 5 when the PCC mentioned Liaison and Diversion as she is the CEO of an organisation that provides Liaison and Diversion.

Mark Burns-Williamson the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire attended the meeting for items 5 to 12, along with DCC John Robins and Katherine Johnson OPCC Treasurer.

5. Draft Annual Report

- 5.1 The PCC presented to the Panel his draft annual report for 2017/18 which sets out the key activities and achievements of the PCC and his office over the financial year. The PCC stated that he had tried to get synergy with the refreshed Police and Crime Plan and it covers the four key themes in the same way.
- 5.2 The PCC gave an overview of the key themes and key areas of work that have been undertaken during 2017/18.
- 5.3 The Panel welcomed the annual report and commented that each annual report continues to improve on the year before. It was felt that it was easy to cross reference the aspirations set out in the Police and Crime Plan with what has been delivered during 2017/18.
- 5.4 Panel did comment that the plan lacked a section on how the Commissioner holds the Chief Constable to account, even though this is a key aspect of the Commissioner's role. The PCC agreed to include more information on this.
- 5.5 Panel suggested that due to the number of crime figures quoted throughout the report and the importance of an understanding of CDI, that a description of CDI, concerns and rationale about the figures and the way they are interpreted should be included early on in the report to assist readers. It was also agreed that it would also be helpful to have numbers and percentages quoted where possible. The PCC agreed to look at this and also to consider if some info graphics would be helpful.
- 5.6 Panel questioned why outcome rates are not included in the report and the reasons for this. The Commissioner responded that it is sometimes difficult to explain what is regarded as a successful outcome – it is not necessarily just about conviction rates. This is a national issue and there is more work to be done to better explain the different types of outcomes for the future, but this will not be reflected in this Annual report.
- 5.7 Panel questioned whether the current KPI's give a true reflection of performance. The PCC commented that this is something that he is working with his Chief Executive on to make the KPI's more meaningful and that he would bring some proposals back to Panel on this.

5.8 The PCC agreed that he could put more information regarding the impact of a number of issues in the courts process and the work that the PCC is doing around this.

5.9 **RESOLVED**

5.9.1 The PCC agreed to take on board Panel comments regarding the Annual Report.

5.9.2 The PCC agreed to bring some proposals on revised KPI's to a future Panel meeting.

6. PEEL Reports

6.1 Panel thanked the PCC for his report but stated that it would have been helpful to have had a fuller report on this including not just the focus on moving to 'Good' but with information showing the ambition to achieve 'Outstanding'.

6.2 The PCC commented that since the PEEL inspections have been in place, West Yorkshire has consistently received 'Good' at every inspection, which in context is a good result as there are very few 'Outstanding' forces. The PCC reassured the Panel that the Force always strive to do better with the resources that they have and constantly look at innovation and best practice.

6.3 The PCC also stated that the goal posts are regularly being moved and this is again the case with the Force Management Statements forming part of the basis of inspections. The PCC commented that the FMS helps Forces in looked further ahead more so than in the past inspection regime and will help to put the financial context more into focus. The assessments require the Force to identify gaps in capacity and capability and to identify how they will address this. It is also hoped that they will help with the funding formula discussions going forward.

6.4 Panel asked the Commissioner if they should be concerned that there might be less rigor in the inspections by condensing the three inspections into one, and less of an independent insight as the FMS is self-written by the Force.

6.5 The PCC responded that whilst the HMICFRS would be bringing together an integrated report, there would still be much fieldwork and independence and should provide a more thorough report. He suggested that the different interdependencies over a period of time loses the context. The programme of thematic inspections will continue. Much work has gone into the FMS and there will be significant analysis of this by the HMICFRS. The FMS will be reported to Panel in due course.

6.6 In relation to the area for improvement around capacity and capability within safeguarding units, the PCC was asked what framework is in place to address this. The PCC agreed to ask his Safeguarding Officer to provide further information on this.

6.7 The PCC was asked about the review into the changes to pre-charge bail and whether the new legislation had had the impact it was intended to have, particularly the impact

on vulnerable people. The PCC stated that this review would be reported back to the Panel in due course.

6.8 **RESOLVED**

6.8.1 It was agreed that the FMS would be reported to Panel in due course.

6.8.2 It was agreed that the PCC provides further information on what framework is in place to address capacity and capability issues within safeguarding units.

6.8.3 It was agreed that the PCC reports back on the pre-charge bail review in due course.

7. **Tri-Services Collaboration Update**

7.1 The PCC gave some background to the duty to collaborate and the preferred options for West Yorkshire to collaborate across blue light services. Panel noted that the PCC is required to provide updates to the Police and Fire Minister on the progress that is being made.

7.2 The PCC reported that the Tri-Service Collaboration Board (TCB) which he chairs, has considered 'options appraisals' and a joint working plan is now being developed. A number of work streams around driver training, health and well-being and community engagement have already been started but further strategies have yet to be agreed through the respective governance structures in Fire and Rescue and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service. The PCC stated that he is currently reviewing governance arrangements but there is an intention to keep the arrangements as streamlined as possible.

7.3 The PCC was asked how this all links into the Police and Crime Plan. He explained that the vision is for closer collaboration with blue light services and particularly around crime prevention and community safety. For example, the Fire Service have more opportunities to connect with the public and greater powers of access which can help with identifying vulnerable people and evidence gathering.

7.4 The Panel welcomed the work that has started but stated that they would like to see more vision and ambition to collaborate to provide increased financial efficiencies and better outcomes for the people of West Yorkshire. It was also suggested that it might be helpful to develop a MoU across services to enable sharing of space where it is available for cross working or places of respite.

7.5 **RESOLVED**

7.5.1 That the PCC reports back on the progress towards greater collaboration in due course.

8. Update on West Yorkshire Transformation Fund Scrutiny Recommendations

- 8.1 Panel considered a report giving an update against implementation of the recommendations made by the Panel on the outcome of their scrutiny review of the Transformation Fund back in December 2017.
- 8.2 Panel noted the action plan which showed that all aspects of the recommendations have been taken on board. Whilst there are currently no plans for an investment of this scale, there are some capital programmes and the principles of the recommendations have been taken on board within the programme of change.
- 8.3 It was noted that the post implementation review was being undertaken and it is expected that this would be complete within the next 6 months.

9. Published Key Decisions

- 9.1 The published key decisions were noted.

10. Commissioner's Response to any Current Issues

Increased 101 demand

- 10.1 The PCC reported on the significant increase in 101 calls in the past two or three months. The previous Saturday West Yorkshire Police handled the highest ever number of calls in a day. This increase in demand is a national issue and efforts are being made to analyse and understand the reasons for this.
- 10.2 The Panel questioned the PCC about what actions he is taking to address a significant drop in the 101 call answering performance. Panel acknowledged that whilst the Force's 999 call handling figures remain excellent and remain a priority for the Police, this has been at the detriment to the handling of 101 calls with some members of the public waiting up to 50 minutes to be answered.
- 10.3 The Panel commented that this can often be the first port of call for victims of crime and the poor call handling rates do nothing to ensure that victims feel that the Police will respond or deal with the issues that they face.
- 10.4 The Force have deemed this as a 'critical incident' and the Commissioner is overseeing the Force to ensure that it is addressed as a matter of urgency. It was agreed that the Panel will consider in more detail a full update on what actions are being taken at their next Panel meeting.

Recent Protests

- 10.5 The PCC reported on the protests that took place in Leeds and Wakefield at the weekend which increased demand on the WY force, although turnout was lower than had been expected. There was little disruption in Wakefield but in Leeds one special constable was injured and there were three arrests for minor offences. There was some mutual aid that came from other forces.

- 10.6 West Yorkshire is also supporting the anti-Tump protests as part of the SPR, and a number of West Yorkshire officers had been affected by the accommodation issues which had been on the national news.

National Diversity Awards

- 10.7 Cllr Lowe congratulated the PCC for his nomination for the National Diversity awards.

10.8 **RESOLVED**

- 10.8.1 That the PCC provides a report with more detail on what actions are being taken to address 101 demand and call handling for the next Panel meeting.

11. Agreed Actions Log

- 11.1 The agreed actions log was noted; there were no outstanding actions of concern.

12. Forward Agenda Plan

- 12.1 The forward agenda plan was noted. It was agreed that a report on 101 call demand and handling would be made to the September meeting.

13. Complaints Received by the Panel

- 13.1 Cllr Wassell reported that a meeting of the Complaints Sub-Panel was to be held on 18th July to consider the two current recorded complaints. Legal advice is awaited on a further potential complaint.

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1 There was no other business raised.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

- 15.1 The next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel will be held at 10.00am on Friday, 14th September 2018 at West Yorkshire Training Facility, Carr Gate, Bradford Road, Wakefield.